Mission Statement

Mercyhurst Preparatory School is a four-year coeducational Catholic secondary school founded by the Sisters of Mercy to prepare students from all religious and ethnic backgrounds for a successful, productive, and compassionate life in an ever-changing and interdependent world. A Mercyhurst Prep education is based upon the teachings of Jesus Christ, the charism of Mercy, and a modeling of Judeo-Christian values. We strive for excellence in academic and co-curricular programs, we promote service to our local and global communities, and we foster the dedication and active support of the students, parents, faculty, staff, and alumni of the Mercyhurst community.
A Laker has unique interests and talents that are embraced, encouraged, and respected by a welcoming, compassionate MPS community with a keen focus on academic success.

A Laker is inspired to find his or her niche through the numerous opportunities offered at MPS and can be an athlete, an artist, a scholar, a spiritual leader, or any combination of those.

A Laker is energized to give back to the community and become a responsible citizen.

A Laker learns to live the Spirit of Mercy, embracing the core values of Justice, Service, Hospitality, Compassionate Presence, and Concern for the Dignity of All Persons.

You, too, can be a Laker!
Every Laker finds his or her place at MPS

You set your course from three choices:

1. **MPS is an INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) WORLD SCHOOL.** The IB program aims “to do more than any other curricula by developing inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who are motivated to succeed.” [IBO.org](https://ib.org).
   - With IB earn: Substantial scholarships / University credits / Advanced placement / Both an IB Diploma and a Mercyhurst Prep Diploma / Global opportunities (Recent graduates have studied in Italy, India, Spain, Britain, China, Hungary, and more.)

2. **HONORS** If you excelled in your middle school years and are looking for a rigorous academic experience in high school, then Mercyhurst Prep's honors program is the best choice for you. The most challenging and diverse set of honors courses at MPS attracts the top students from the region to Laker Life.

3. **COLLEGE PREP** Many of our students choose College Prep as they progress on their journey from high school to university.

Our faculty offers mobility among course levels and works with students to facilitate the best specific learning path for each individual.

“Your high school performance is a major factor in the admission decision. We don’t just look at your grades...we also look at the types of classes you’re taking. We want to see students challenging themselves if honors and IB classes are available in their school. It not only shows that you’re willing to put in the extra effort. It’s also the best preparation for the coursework you’ll have in college.”

Michael Steidel, Dean of Admissions, Carnegie Mellon University, 2018
The student to faculty ratio is 11:1. Besides in-depth expertise in their specific fields, our faculty embody the Mercy charism, attributes that make them unique and exceedingly qualified to work with teens. Many teachers travel extensively during breaks and summer vacation, bringing a global perspective to their classes.

Department Chairs

MPS Department Chairs
Collaboration with Mercyhurst University (adjacent to the MPS Campus)

Academically advanced students may begin college coursework or pursue a subject in greater depth at Mercyhurst University. Some students may complete freshman year of college and senior year of high school simultaneously. The two schools are adjoined by a walkway, making each easily accessible to the other.

Mercyhurst Prep also has an affiliation with Pennsylvania State University and Gannon University.

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College, offers the learning opportunities of a major research university in a welcoming, student-centered campus environment. Its setting is suburban, and the campus size is 854 acres.

Situated in downtown Erie, Pennsylvania, Gannon University is close to businesses, organizations, and government agencies that are active partners in helping students receive a hands-on education.
Course offerings BY DEPARTMENT

THEOLOGY
Intro to Theology-CP (YR)
Scriptures-CP (YR)
Gospel Nonviolence (T)
The Catholic Tradition-CP (YR)
Christian Ethics-CP (YR)
Christian Ethics-H (YR)
Peer Leadership-CP (YR-Appl)
Religions of the World-H/IB-SL (YR)
Senior Religion Seminar-CP (YR)
Christian Spirituality (T)
Single or Married Life (T)
Holy Orders/Religious Life (T)
Death & Dying (T)
Love and Evil (T)
Atom and Eve (T)
Star Wars and Contemporary Myth (T)

ENGLISH
Intro to Genres-CP (YR)
Intro to Genres-H/IB PreIB (YR)
British and American Literature-CP (YR)
British and American Literature-H/IB PreIB (YR)
World Literature I-CP (YR)
World Literature I-H/IB-SL (YR)
World Literature I-H/IB-HL (YR)
World Literature II-CP (YR)
World Literature II-H/IB-SL (YR)
World Literature II-H/IB-HL (YR)
Research, Speech, and Digital Literacy (T)
Creative Writing (T)
Advanced Creative Writing (T)
The Twilight Zone (T)
everything Harry Potter (T)
Mythology (T)

SOCIAL STUDIES
Global Studies-CP (YR)
Global Studies-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Government-CP (YR)
Government-H/IB PreIB (YR)
History of the Americas-CP (YR)
The 20th Century-H/IB-SL (YR)
History of the Americas-H/IB (YR)
Psychology-CP (YR)
Modern American History-CP (YR)
20th Cent. World History-H/IB-SL (YR)
World History-H/IB (YR)
Civil War (T)
Anthropology (T)
Sports and Society (T)
World War II (T)
Hollywood and History (T)
Nazi Germany (T)
The Vietnam Era (T)
9/11 and the Aftermath (T)
Model UN (T)
Global Perspectives (T)
Speech and Debate (T)

MATHEMATICS
Algebra I Plus-CP (YR)
Algebra I-CP (YR)
Algebra I-H (YR)
Algebra I-MPS PreIB (YR)
Geometry-CP (YR)
Geometry-H (YR)
Geometry-MPS Pre-IB (YR)
Algebra II-Trig-H (YR)
Algebra II-Trig-IB (YR)
Math Studies (with Trigonometry)-CP (YR)
Trigonometry/PreCalculus-CP (YR)
IB Math Studies (YR)
Calculus I-H (YR)
Calculus I-Standard Level (YR)
Calculus I-Higher Level (YR)
Pre-Calculus-H (YR)
Probability and Statistics-H (YR)
SAT Math Preparation (T)

TECHNOLOGY/BUSINESS
MS Office 2013 (T)
MS Word 2013 (T)
Digital Presentation Software (T)
MS Excel 2013 (T)
PhotoShop Revealed (T)
Intro to Media Production (T)
Modern Coding/Web Development (T)
Intro to 3D Printing (T)
Intro to Robotics (T)
Principles of Accounting (YR)
Your Financial Future (YR)
Financial Planning (T)
Banking & Credit (T)
Saving & Investing (T)
Intro to Marketing (T)

SCIENCE
Foundations of Scientific Inquiry-CP (YR)
Foundations of Scientific Inquiry-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Chemistry-CP (YR)
Chemistry I-H/IB (YR)
Chemistry II-H/IB (YR)
Biology-CP (YR)
Biology I-H/IB (YR)
Biology II-H/IB (YR)
Physics-CP (YR)
Physics-H (YR)
Sports, Exercise & Health I-H/IB-SL (YR)
Sports, Exercise & Health II-H/IB-SL (YR)
Anatomy/Physiology-H (YR)
Earth & Space Science-CP/H (YR)
Hydrologic Systems (T)
Intro to Geology (T)
Intro to Astronomy (T)
Environmental Science (T)
Atom and Eve (T)

ENGINEERING
Intro to Modern Engineering (YR)
Intro to Engineering-Design (T)
Intro to Engineering-Disciplines (T)
Intro to Engineering-Capstone Design (T)

WORLD LANGUAGES
French I-CP (YR)
French I-H/IB PreIB (YR)
French II-CP (YR)
French II-H/IB PreIB (YR)
French III-CP (YR)
French III-H/IB (YR)
French IV-CP (YR)
French IV-H/IB-SL (YR)
Spanish I-CP (YR)
Spanish I-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Spanish II-CP (YR)
Spanish II-H/IB PreIB (YR)
Spanish III-CP (YR)
Spanish III-H/IB (YR)
Spanish IV-CP (YR)
Spanish IV-H/IB-SL (YR)
Intro to Italian (T)

VISUAL ARTS
Art Foundations (T)
Art Appreciation (T)
Ceramics (YR)
Ceramics I (T)
Ceramics II (T)
Advanced Ceramics (T)
Drawing I (2T)
Drawing II (T)
Sculpture (T)
Printmaking I (T)
Printmaking II (T)
Mixed Media (T)
Jewelry/Metal Working (T)
Stop Animation (T)
Painting-CP & H (YR)
Beginning Oil Painting (T)
Art History-CP & H (YR)
Art History: Non-Western (T)
The Renaissance (T)
Art Seminar (YR-Interview)
Independent Studio in Art (T)
Yearbook (YR-Application)
Photo I (T)
Photo II (T)
Advanced Photo (T)

PERFORMING ARTS-DANCE
Social Dance (T)
Beginning Tap (T)
Tap II (T)
Jazz (T)
Dance Styles (T)
Dance Company-Master (YR-Appl)
Dance-Advanced (YR-Appl)
Dance-Intermediate/Advanced (YR-Appl)
Show Choir-CP & H (YR-Appl)

PERFORMING ARTS-MUSIC/THEATRE
Music Appreciation (T)
Music History-H/IB (T)
Music Theory-H/IB (T)
Musical Production (T-Interview)
Beginning Piano (T)
Advanced Piano (T)
Beginning Guitar (T)
Concert Choir 9/10-CP & H (YR)
Concert Choir 11/12-CP & H (YR)
Intro to Theatre and Acting (T)
Acting I-Stanislavsky (YR)
Show Choir CP & H (YR-Appl)
Orchestra-CP & H (YR)
Music for the Music Major (T)
American Musical Theatre (T)
Jazz Band (T)
Technical Theatre (T & YR-Interview)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION/HEALTH
Principles of Fitness & Wellness (T)
Cross Training (T)
Advanced PE Games (T)
Health I (T)
Health II (T)
Health III (T)

ZULAMA/DISTANCE LEARNING COURSES
($265 per course)
Evolution of Games (S)
Gamelan Programming I (S)
Gamelan Programming II (S)
Screenwriting (S)
Game Design (S)
Mobile Game Design (S)

SPECIAL INTEREST
Theory of Knowledge (T-juniors)
Theory of Knowledge (T-seniors)
Academic Skills (T)
Academic Skills (YR)
English Writing (YR)
English Writing (Term)
The American Culture (2T)
Career Internship (T) (Application)
College Course (S)
SAM (Senior at Mercyhurst)
Clubs & Activities

LEADERSHIP
National Honor Society
Student Government

SERVICE
Baking Club
Calamari’s Thanksgiving
Dinner for the Homeless
Feed the Hungry
Mercy Service
Serteens
Women in Motion

SOCIAL AWARENESS
Critical Concerns Club
Ophelia Project
Joseph of Arimathea
Students for Life

CULTURAL LEARNING
Language Club
Travel Club

ACADEMIC AND COMPETITIVE
Model U.N.
Math Club
Robotics & Technology
Speech and Debate

ARTS
Chrysalis
Concert Choir
International Thespian Society
National Art Honor Society
Orchestra Ensemble
Photo Club
Show Choir

FUN AND FITNESS
Fitness Center
Frisbee Club
Minecraft Club
Ski Club
Spirit Club
Laker Day is a tradition of friendly competition that students and faculty look forward to every year.

Trunk or Treat offers area youngsters a chance to observe the Halloween tradition in a fun, safe environment.

Tailgate Parties offer students & parents free hamburgers, hotdogs, music, bonfires, and great fun.

Touch of Class Day is an annual event that showcases talent, leadership, and fun!
Jon Reddinger, Jr., a 2018 graduate, took advantage of many opportunities that Mercyhurst Prep offered.

LAKERS ARE SMART!
- Honor Roll Student

LAKERS ARE CREATIVE!
- Performer in 12 theatre productions
- Member of Chorus
- Show Choir Participant

LAKERS CARE!
- Participant in the Anne Ryan Baltimore Mission Trip
- Community Service volunteer with over 125 service hours

LAKERS ARE LEADERS!
- Cocaptain of the football team
- VP of ITS

LAKERS ARE TOUGH!
- Football guard and nose guard
- 1st Team All-Region athlete two years in a row

LAKERS ARE FUN!
- Spirit Squad member
- Ski club member

LAKERS HAVE DEEP-ROOTED VALUES!
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

ALUMNI

- A Scholar
- An Actor
- An Athlete
- An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
BILLY & AUDREY HIRT DREAM LABS
Design-Research-Engineering-Arts-Math
9 Touchscreens • 2 video walls • 40 Lenovo Intel Laptops • 11 Makerbot 3D Printers • 3 Workstations with Touchscreens • CNC Router • Laser Engraver • Conference Ready Room • Drones • Lego Mindstorm Kits • Virtual Reality • 3 Oculus Rift Immersive Virtual Reality Systems • 12 zSpace Combined Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality Systems

zVIEW Camera for Capturing AR/VR Experience
Utilizes the 4 Cs of 21st Century Education:
Communication • Collaboration • Creativity • Critical Thinking

zSpace is an educational solution that creates the ultimate learning experience by combining Augmented Reality (AR) with Virtual Reality (VR).

zSpace uses an all-in-one computer to create a lifelike and interactive experience for students for use across the curriculum. Students can share their experience not just with a peer but with an audience as well. Through this system, they can touch a simulated beating heart, virtually tour Paris, build a virtual playground, and enrich their vocabulary in another language, among other numerous exciting adventures.

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PIAA State Championship teams

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[Images of various sports events]
Athletics

**FALL SPORTS**
- Boys and Girls Cross-Country
- Boys and Girls Golf
- Boys and Girls Soccer
- Cheerleading
- Dance Team
- Football
- Girls Tennis
- Girls Volleyball

**WINTER SPORTS**
- Boys and Girls Basketball
- Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving
- Cheerleading
- Dance Team
- Girls Bowling

**SPRING SPORTS**
- Baseball
- Boys and Girls Rowing
- Boys and Girls Track and Field
- Boys Tennis
- Softball

OUR ATHLETES WIN ON THE FIELD, IN THE CLASSROOM, AND IN LIFE! MANY GRADUATES GO ON TO COMPETE ATHLETICALLY AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL, SOME ON THE PROFESSIONAL LEVEL.

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Creative Arts Program

MPS is fortunate to have nine faculty members who are active award-winning artists regularly engaged in exhibiting, performing, and teaching in the community. Students can participate in studio arts, dance, music, photography, and theatre. Mercyhurst Prep offers 49 courses in the performing and visual arts.

VISUAL ARTS
Art Appreciation
Art Foundations
Art History
Art Seminar
Beginning Oil Painting
Ceramics
Drawing
Independent Studio in Art
Jewelry/Metal Working
Mixed Media
Painting
Photo
Printmaking
Sculpture
Stop Animation
The Renaissance Yearbook

PERFORMING ARTS-DANCE
Dance Company
Dance Styles
Intermediate/Advanced Jazz
Introduction to Tap
Social Dance
Tap II

PERFORMING ARTS-MUSIC
Advanced Piano
Beginning Guitar
Beginning Piano
Concert Choir
Jazz Band
Music Appreciation
Music History
Music Theory
Orchestra
Show Choir

PERFORMING ARTS-THEATRE
Acting I-Stanislavsky
American Musical Theatre
Intro to Theatre and Acting
Musical Production
Tech Theatre Production
Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” Mark 10: 21

These are the Mercy Core Values:

Mercyhurst Prep is blessed to have a full-time Chaplain and a full-time Campus Minister/Community Service Learning Coordinator.

Lakers find diverse events throughout the Campus Ministry calendar. These include planning and participating in school liturgies, daily mass, and prayer, fellowship events, retreats, mission trips, and service opportunities. Campus Ministry at MPS offers you a place to belong, get involved, and grow closer to Christ.
Pennsylvania International Academy (PIA) serves as the Residential and Student Services Administrators for both international and regional coed boarding students in grades 9–12 who attend Mercyhurst Preparatory School (MPS).

Over 400 students have called PIA home, representing students from 24 countries. These students have embraced cultural differences and forged friendships that span the globe.

The residence hall remains open from the time the students arrive on campus in August until they return home in June. Our dedicated Student Ambassador Team provides a nurturing, safe, and structured living environment for our residents.

To learn more about all PIA has to offer please visit our website, www.piacademy.org. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the boarding program.

Jennifer Pier, President of Pennsylvania International Academy, admissions@piacademy.org
The McAuley Scholars Program, now in its 15th year, fulfills the needs of upper-level students from area grade schools.

The program is a flexible plan for talented students who have completed seventh grade and want to maximize their academic potential. Scholars have the option of selecting one or two high school courses in the areas of language, math, and science.

The Mercyhurst Prep Difference

- Erie’s only coeducational Catholic High School
- NW PA’s only secondary International Baccalaureate World School
- A Mercy School—part of the 56-school Mercy Education System of the Americas (MESA)
- STEAM School (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)
- DREAM Lab: zSpace, 3D printers, drones, robotics, virtual reality (VR), and augmented reality (AR)
- Only international rowing team in area
- Strong Visual & Performing Arts Program
- Students leave with a heart to serve.
- We Educate/Develop the Whole Person.
- Value Based Education

Outstanding Faculty/Academics

“The individual faculty, and each of their departments, encourage the development and foster the importance of each student’s success, not simply in relation to a particular letter grade, but in the promotion and development of creativity, critical thinking skills, and an understanding of the importance of finding their unique gifts and talents—all natural extensions of the school’s mercy charism.”

Sr. Camille Panich, Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, ED.D., Chair of the Middle States Visiting Team

McAuley Scholars

The McAuley Scholars Program, now in its 15th year, fulfills the needs of upper-level students from area grade schools.
### Just Some of the Colleges/Universities Our Lakers have been accepted to:

- Allegheny College
- American University
- Auburn University
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Brandeis University
- Bucknell University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Case Western Reserve University
- Duke University
- Duquesne University
- Fordham University
- Gannon University
- Georgetown University
- Holy Cross College
- John Carroll University
- Kent State
- Mercyhurst University
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Penn State Erie, The Behrend College
- Purdue University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Rutgers University
- Swarthmore College
- University of Kentucky
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pittsburgh
- Vassar College
- Villanova University
- Washington and Jefferson College

### Statistics

- **30+** Clubs and Activities
- **53** Honors Courses
- **8k+** Alumni Worldwide
- **49** Performing and Visual Arts Classes
- **23** Average Class Size
- **21k+** Community Service Hours in 2018
- **60%** Faculty with Post Graduate Degrees
- **33** IB Courses
2018

NOVEMBER 9 – DEADLINE
Application for early admission DUE

NOVEMBER 17
Eighth grade entrance exam for MPS–9 a.m.

DECEMBER 19
Early admission acceptance letters mailed

DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019
Visit MPS and shadow with a current student. Call 814-824-2323 for an appointment.

2019

JANUARY 4 – DEADLINE
Application for admission DUE

JANUARY 12
Eighth grade entrance exam for MPS–9 a.m.

JANUARY 18
Confirmations with $100 registration deposit DUE from first round acceptances

FEBRUARY 14
Acceptance letters mailed to applicants

MARCH 1 – DEADLINES
Diocesan Tuition Aid Application & FACTS Financial Aid Application DUE
Application for Academic and Creative Arts Scholarships DUE

MARCH 1 (continued)
Application for Alumni Scholarships DUE

MARCH 12
Creative Arts Scholarship auditions and portfolios DUE

MARCH 29
Notification of Scholarships and aid mailed

APRIL 18 – DEADLINE
Confirmation of registration and $100 deposit from eighth graders DUE

APRIL 29
Musical Production, Concert Choir, Show Choir auditions for the 2019-20 school year

APRIL 30
Dance Company auditions and Technical Theatre interviews for the 2019-20 school year

MAY 4
Math Placement Exam for MPS–9:00 a.m.

MAY 6
World Language Placement Test for MPS (test out)–3:15 p.m.

MAY 9
Freshman Scheduling Night

MAY 10
Freshman Welcome Dance 8–10 p.m.